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ELASTOMER MATERIAS, AND DEVICES MADE  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

Please enter the following amendment.

**Amendment "A"**

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims:

2. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said gelatinous elastomer includes a plasticizer and a triblock copolymer of the general configuration A-B-A; wherein A is selected from the group consisting of monoalkenylarene polymers; wherein B is a hydrogenated polymer including a plurality of isoprene monomers and a plurality of butadiene monomers;
- wherein said isoprene monomers comprise at least about 30 weight percent of said hydrogenated polymer B;
- wherein said butadiene monomer comprise at least about 30 weight percent of said hydrogenated polymer B;
- wherein a mixture including about 20 weight percent of said triblock copolymer and about 80 weight percent toluene, the weight percentages based on the total weight of the mixture, at from about 25 degrees Celsius to about 30 degrees Celsius, does not form a solution;
- wherein said plasticizer associates with said hydrogenated polymer B;